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**Comment on proposed conservation of the usage of the names *Phymaturus* Gravenhorst, 1838 and *Lacerta palluma* Molina, 1782 (currently *Phymaturus palluma*; Reptilia, Sauria) by designation of a neotype for *Lacerta palluma* Molina, 1782**

(Case 3225; see BZN 60: 38–41; 58)

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I support this application, as it is important to conserve current usage of these two widely used names.

**Comment on the proposed conservation of the specific name of *Macropodus concolor* Ahl, 1937 (Osteichthyes, Perciformes)**

(Case 3255; see BZN 60: 206–207)

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We strongly support the application by Schindler & Staeck to conserve the specific name *Macropodus concolor* Ahl, 1937 (family OSPHRONEMIDAE). Since its introduction the senior synonym *M. spechti* Schreitmüller, 1936 had not been used as the valid name for the species until it was resurrected by Freyhof & Herder (2002). Their action to replace the long accepted specific name of *M. concolor* does not promote stability and was in contravention of the Preamble and Article 23.2 of the Code.

Unfortunately the problem of *M. concolor* versus *M. spechti* is only the tip of the iceberg. A number of similar ornamental fish names like *M. spechti* (mostly of infrasubspecific rank) are hidden in the old popular aquarist literature. Such names were often published without correct diagnosis or designation of type specimens and are therefore generally disregarded in favour of junior synonyms based on a solid scientific description like *M. concolor*.

We fear that other ichthyologists could follow the example given by Freyhof & Herder (2002). More names still hidden in the old popular literature could be exhumed in favour of the Principle of Priority and contrary to the promotion of stability. See Kullander & Britz (2002) concerning the replacement of the well known name *Badis burmanicus* Ahl in Arnold & Ahl, 1936 by the name *Badis rubra* Schreitmüller, 1923. Such a trend would lead to instability of nomenclature and cause unnecessary work for the Commission. Therefore we strongly support Schindler & Staeck's application.

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